". . . be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."

Ephesians 6:10

Jesus Christ tells us how we can be the strongest people in the world. Not the strongest in a physical sense, like a world-champion boxer. And not necessarily strong in the sense of being immensely rich or politically powerful. But the strongest spiritually. Strong enough to overcome the temptations of Satan. And ultimately strong enough, through Jesus Christ, to overcome death itself.

At heart, we all want to be positive. Temporarily, we may have allowed the devil to possess us: and in that case our 'game' is to be thoroughly negative. But even then, in the depths of our soul, we really want to be clean again. We want to love and be loved, to give and to receive.

To be truly positive is to be truly strong. Not with the strength of human beings, but with the strength of God Himself. For it takes strength to be positive, and to rise above the weaknesses and the faults and the habits of sin which make us feel ashamed. And God gives that strength to all who come to him in honesty, and who ask to be included in His great kingdom of joy and power.

Rev. John Christopher

GOD IS CALLING HIS OWN AGAIN

Have you heard God calling you to His service? Do you wish to be part of His kingdom? Do you want to channel His love to those who desperately need it? Come and be part of The Foundation Faith of God, either through a volunteer program, the Circle of Power Prayer Fellowship, or by becoming a Disciple, or all three!

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NEWSLETTER OF THE ATLANTA FOUNDATION

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POSITIVITY – WHAT IS IT?

". . . through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:2

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God bless you,

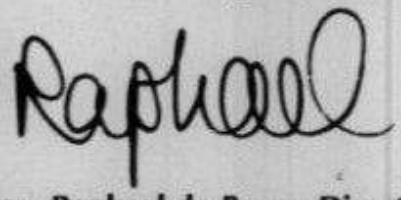
And thank you, all of you who have sent in contributions in response to our appeal last month. It's so good to have your support in helping to make possible this expansion, which the Lord is directing for all of us. Incidentally, let me use this opportunity to say that if you have not yet sent in your contribution it's not too late!!

We have probably all seen the seemingly endless books on positive thinking, and related subjects, "The Power of Positive Thinking," "How to be a Success," and so on. Almost any bookstore contains a number of books with titles like that, and often such books contain sound practical advice. They are written with the intention to help, to try to pass on the methods that the writer has found to be successful for himself. Don't get me wrong, I'm not putting them down, but the trouble with me is that I can never do it, I can never follow the sound advice the writer offers me!! Are you like me? If you are, and I bet many of you are, then you probably ask yourself, as I did, "Am I stupid?" or "Is there something the matter with me?"

I believe the difficulty with this kind of advice is that it seems to rely almost exclusively on our purely human resources, and if I have learned anything, with the Lord's help, it is that my purely human resources don't amount to a hill o'beans! Maybe you are better off than I am, but I doubt it! What I lacked, then, was a matter of spiritual peace, a knowledge that I am a child of God, and that He is always with me.

This sense of being at peace with our Maker is the only true positivity, and it is not something that any amount of human struggle can bring about. It is that knowledge of being reborn that Jesus made possible and only God can bring about.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9



Rev. Raphael de Peyer, Director

Newsbriefs

EXPANSION & RE-LOCATION

The Lord is guiding us inexorably in our search for a new and expanded center. As of this writing we have investigated several possible new premises. One of these stands out as the strongest contender. However, no final decision has yet been made, and we ask for your continued prayers to bring our search to a successful conclusion in the near future.

THE PRISON MINISTRY

As reported last month, the Spirit of Christ has been moving in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary with a number of inmates being baptized as a result. July 21st saw two more coming to the Lord, and we praise Him for the souls being won. One of the most recent inmates to be baptized was transferred to Atlanta after the terrible riot at the New Mexico State prison some months back.

We also welcome 'Gypsy' as a disciple of The Foundation Faith of God, the ceremony being performed during the regular Monday evening "Path of Life" program at the Penitentiary.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to our volunteers this month for helping in so many ways, and especially to Tom and Kathy Swan for the loan of a venerable VW bus, for technical help with electrical work at our center, and for some wonderful outings for the children, to Barry Bullard for working tenaciously and successfully with the air conditioning, to Jackie Hahn for providing some much needed items, and to Margie Neuhoff for doing such a wonderful job with the children. To you and all our helpers we say this: we could not even contemplate moving into expanded premises without the dedicated and ongoing help that you give. You make things possible that without you would be impossible and the new center will be an expression of that in very concrete terms.

A COUNTRY WEDDING

The Lord led Rev. Raphael de Peyer to conduct a wedding recently out in the beautiful Georgia countryside near Lilburn. Phyllis Atkinson and Ron Buckles were married beside a rushing stream overhung by tall trees and attended by forty guests. The Lord's presence was felt strongly there amongst His unspoiled creation. Our very best wishes to you, Phyllis and Ron.

FAITH CASSETTES

We have been blessed with the second tape in the series for this new ministry, which we inaugurated last month. This new tape, "You are a Channel for God's Healing," recorded by Rev. Raphael de Peyer, is a 'must' for anyone interested in the healing ministry, even if we do say so ourselves. To order, please check the box(es) below, fill in your name and address in the space provided on the reverse side of this form, and mail it to us together with your donation. We ask a minimum $5.50 donation per tape that is mailed to you.

☐ THE GIFTS OF HEALING-AN INTRODUCTION
☐ YOU ARE A CHANNEL FOR GOD'S HEALING

"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

James 3:17

It's easy to find faults in others. We can all do it, and we do. But we all know, from the way we react, that what makes us feel good is when someone helps us to find the good points, the strengths and gifts that God has given us. They are emphasizing the positive, which is of God. And we, in our turn, can do the same for others. It's a great way to defeat Satan!

Charity

Rev. Charity Benedicte

Testimonies

". . . pray for each other so that you may be healed."

James 5:16

I really enjoyed your workshop, "the Gifts of Healing," and I find that I'm continuing to learn from it.

N. Jo Smith,
Lilburn, Ga.

I believe in the power of prayer. My son, Ben, who has cerebral palsy, has started standing and climbing up on sofas and chairs since his name has been on the Circle of Power list. With your continued prayers, I know we will see a tremendous improvement in his ability to walk by his third birthday (in September).

Mary Kitchings,
Atlanta, Ga.

Since my association with The Foundation Faith of God healings have taken place as gifts from God, such as freedom from much self-doubt, release from anxiety, gifts of self-confidence and emotional strength. I have come to understand God's love and the beauty of knowing it is being transmitted to others. I have been led closer to God through an insatiable hunger to know His will. The classes and Sunday celebrations and volunteer prison work channel this hunger to its full satisfaction, to receive and give the love of God. I cannot commend this ministry enough. Praise God.

J.L.S.
Atlanta, Ga.

"But now, by dying to what once bound us we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code."

Romans 7:6

Calendar

REGULAR EVENTS

SUNDAY, 1-2PM. THE LORD'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our weekly worship service, including healing, and fellowship.

SUNDAY, 2-5PM. HEALING PRAYERS

A time set aside each week for individual prayer and counseling with a minister. No prior appointment is necessary, but we do recommend that you attend the service beforehand.

MONDAY, 6:30-8:30PM. THE PATH OF LIFE (At the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary)

The implementation of Christ's teachings to the area of inter-personal relationships and communication.

THURSDAY, 7:30-8:30PM. THE CIRCLE OF POWER

The weekly prayer group for members of this Fellowship. Non-members also welcome. Prayers for the sick and troubled.

THURSDAY, 8:30-9:30PM. BIBLE STUDY

Each week we look at a particular subject that effects the lives of all of us.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 11AM-5PM. GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

The workshop will deal with the nature of the gifts and how the Lord has blessed you personally with His gifts. With Rev. Raphael de Peyer.

LORD'S DAY CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST:

Sunday, August 3rd, 1PM. A Celebration of Deliverance.
Sunday, August 10th, 1PM. A Celebration of Inner Healing.
Sunday, August 17th, 1PM. A Celebration of Healing.
Sunday, August 24th, 1PM. A Celebration of the Spirit.
Sunday, August 31, 1PM. A Celebration of Praise.

Your contributions are tax-deductible.

FREE LITERATURE

I would like to receive free literature, and have checked the boxes below to show which ones I would like you to send me.

- ☐ THE SECOND COMING
- ☐ GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- ☐ JESUS LOVES YOU, SATAN HATES YOU
- ☐ THE FOUNDATION FAITH SYMBOL
- ☐ LIVE AS SERVANTS OF GOD. An introduction to The Foundation Faith of God in Atlanta.
- ☐ SPIRITUAL CONSULTATIONS
- ☐ THE CIRCLE OF POWER-A PRAYER FELLOWSHIP FOR THE SECOND COMING
- ☐ SEVEN SERMONETTES. As originally broad cast on WSB-TV, "Sunrise Sermonettes."
- ☐ FAITH, HOPE & HEALING. Reprinted from "Creative Loafing."
- ☐ WELCOME HOME. One man's search for meaning.
- ☐ STATEMENT OF FAITH

UPCOMING CLASSES

I am interested in registering for the following classes. Please contact me with details.

- ☐ GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

PROJECTS

I am interested in the following. Please contact me with details.

- ☐ Having someone speak at my group/organization.
- ☐ Prison/Hospital/Nursing Home visits.
- ☐ Volunteering at the Center
- ☐ Forming a prayer group in my home/city/neighborhood.

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